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RENDEZ-VOUS '68



10,000 students from Montreal area universities and colleges assemble on the McGill campus and march through downtown Montreal to protest the government's neglect of post-secondary education.

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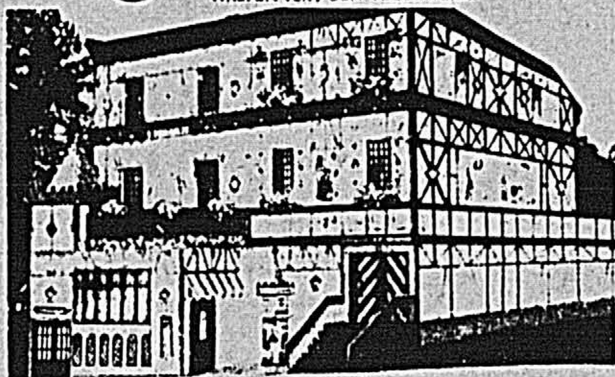
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Editorial

Call it "Ratrappage"

The hour has come for McGill students to join the current crusade of Quebec students to obtain an improved loans and bursaries system.

McGill students are not immune from the inadequacies of the present scheme of funding education in the province.

Of the demands currently proposed by striking students, one of the most important is the recognition of the independent status of the post-secondary student.

A large portion of McGill students have at one time or another sought financial aid from the government for their education. McGill students are being discriminated against by the present system because they generally come from an elitist background. The reasoning behind the demand that students be recognized as independent is to eliminate cases where students have not received financial aid from their parents. Even though these students come from an affluent background, many have left home and must work to support themselves. The loans and bursaries system certainly does not assist these students, who are punished for the sins of their parents.

At least 10% of McGill's students are foreign and still others are not residents of Montreal. The proposed bursaries system calls for a recognition of the non-resident status of these students and that their bursaries be calculated with the extra expense in mind.

McGill students can also identify with the slow process involved in obtaining a loan or bursary. The current demands—if accepted by the Ministry of Education, would simplify and accelerate the process.

In a nutshell, these are some of the major demands which Quebec francophone CEGEP students, anglophone CEGEP students and significant portions of universities such as Laval, UQAM, UQTR and recently Bishop's and Concordia are rallying behind.

With each new demand presented by students, the Ministry of Education says it needs time to study its implications. Negotiations are taking place between the Association Nationale des Etudiants du Quebec (ANEQ) and Education Minister Jacques Yvan Morin. McGill students have so far had no input into the demands even though they stand to derive tremendous benefits from the final result.

If McGill students are to have an input into solving the conflict, they must not rely on the McGill Students' Council. While the rest of the province has been active for over three weeks, McGill's student politicians have shown no ability or inclination to provide leadership.

At Wednesday night's Council meeting, StudSoc prez Gary Eisen said council has no official stand on the loans and bursaries struggle, but will formulate a policy after hearing student feelings on the subject next Thursday. This action calls the role of our student "leaders" in question. Earlier this semester, Council decided not to join ANEQ without calling an open meeting to consult students, and now, in the height of a strong student offensive, McGill student politicians are slow in responding to a pressing need to provide guidance to students.

With McGill far behind in the negotiation process, it is of utmost importance that students organize quickly.

If the Students' Council does not take the initiative to encourage a study session on the question, McGill's students must show their distraught politicians they have some catching up to do before their exams. In Quebec it's called "la Ratrappage".

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Letters

Gov't shafting native people To the Daily:

Political evolution or threat of separatist revolution is putting severe pressure on Canada's elected federal representatives to attempt to present a generally acceptable revised Constitution to last as long, or longer than the 1867 British North America Act, which united the provinces in what must be regarded as a successful combination over the past 112 years.

Hon. Otto Lang came to the Faculty of Law at McGill University to talk to us and I had the opportunity to question him concerning just how the aboriginal people of this continent, the Indians and Inuit (Eskimos) will be protected. What has been released to date concerning the planning of the new Constitution, and the financial support given by the federal government over the last few years to the organizations formed for the purpose of attacking the Indian Act, provided me with the opportunity to direct questions on these vital points for Indians. Indians cannot visualize that they will be betrayed by being turned loose upon the cold mercy of non-Indian society, and vice versa, and this is an opportunity to inform that Hon. Otto Lang's answers clearly indicate that the plan is to forget the existence of Indians in any constitution for Canada in the future.

Even though the Canadian government has not officially announced it, the sum total of the actions indicate that "total equality" and "no discrimination" are to be used as the means to wipe out any obligation or protective constitutional principles for the relatively defenceless Indians and Inuit. This letter will reach Indians who will be surprised. It will not be published in the government propaganda sheet "Indian News", which supposedly informs Indians, but

only tells them the "party line" to be used for destruction of our rights.

By desperate, hard-working legal effort right to the Supreme Court of Canada we Indians were able to defeat the implied cruelty of the so called "Canadian Bill of Rights", which is a document generally designed to wipe out the protection given to Indians, Indian lands and Indian rights. During the past 36 months the wide-ranging, expensive propaganda organization attacking the Indian Act, supposedly to "benefit Indian women" when it is an attempt to destroy all Indians, has been defeated because the departments that have been giving these non-Indian propaganda

agencies hundreds of thousands of dollars can no longer justify these expenditures to attack Indians.

Can I deliver a message to all of you? Although I can substantiate the reason why Indians should not be cast loose into white society, and the obligation owed to the First People must be respected, can I inform all Indians that we are threatened by the new law, and to those who wish to aid and protect Indians that no Constitution should be considered which wipes out our Indian rights, our Indian lands, our Indian identity, and all of the basic factors contained in the Indian Act.

Frank Talotekane Horn
Caughnawaga Reserve

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Vice-President Science:	Nelson Tkatch 58 votes
	Martin Galligan 38 votes
Arts and Science Member at Large:	Steve Duplain 131 votes
	John Crothers 88 votes



Open meeting . . .

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need scholarship program for foreign students."

In his position paper explaining the reason for the motion, Claxton stated what he considers the main argument for and the main argument against differential fees.

The main argument for the implementation of the fees is that "the population of Quebec should not be obliged to pay for the education of foreign students who might otherwise be able to contribute more towards the cost of their education."

The main argument against differential fees, according to Claxton's document, is that "as an industrialized region of the

world, Quebec has a responsibility to provide free access to its educational system to individuals who have no such possibilities in their own countries."

Council also voted to give \$500 to the Regroupement des etudiants du premier cycle (REP) to hold a referendum at the University of Laval. REP is attempting to gain status as the university-recognized student government there.

In other business, the Council discussed incorporating the Students' Society. The Society wishes to incorporate in order to become a legal entity, and therefore gain the right to sue.